



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/698,165 Confirmation No.: 9853  
Applicant : Soto et al.  
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Examiner : Huang, Sihong  
  
Docket No. : C4-1177

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to this Office Action. Authorization is hereby given to charge an extension fee of \$1020.00.

In response to the Office Action mailed on  
  
, the period for response having been extended to September 28, 2005, by payment of the requisite fee for a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims and begin on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.